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APPENDIX F-2
PART 3 OF 4
BOOK 3 OF 4

STATE OF INDIANA:

SS: COUNTY OF VIGO: IN THE VIGO SHEETING COURT 2004 TERM

CAUSE NO:

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TERRE HAUTE FORD/KIA and FORD MOTOR CO. Defendant.

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## COMPLAINT

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Complaint against Terre Haute Ford/KIA and Ford Motor Company states as follows:

- That the Plaintiffs purchased a 2003 Ford 350 (hereafter "2003 350")
   Lariet BIN #1FTWX32PX3F
   from the Defendant, which was picked up on 06/14/13.
- That the 2003 350 has had various mechanical problems and is defective and not fit for the use for which it was sold.
- That Terre Haute Ford/KIA was notified of each problem with the 2003
   350 and attempted at various times to repair the defects.
- That other authorized Ford Dealerships, or shops also attempted to repair the 2003 350.
- That purchased with the 2003 350, was a one hundred thousand-mite warranty, which has been breached by the defendants. A copy of the warranty is attached as Exhibit A.

- That the Defendants also sold credit life insurance to the Plaintiffs for a
  cost of \$534.96. Hence, the amount financed by the Plaintiff for the 2003
  350 was \$39,664.43.
- That the Plaintiffs, with the aid & assistance of Defendant, TH Ford
  figureed the cost of the 2003 350 with Ford Motor Credit Company with
  an interest rate of 6.99% and monthly payments of \$1,228.10.
- That there were thirty-five (35) payments (totaling \$44,211.60) under the Ford Motor Credit Loan and the first payment was due July 29, 2003.
- A copy of contract between Plaintiffs and Defendants is attached as "Exhibit A".
- That due to the problems being experienced with the 2003 350, TH Ford,
   offered to take the 2003 350 in trade for a 2004 Ford 350 Lariet
   (hereinafter 2004 350).
- 10. That Defendant TH Ford represented to the Plaintiffs that they would receive some reimbursement from Ford for the defective truck and for a portion of the damages that the Plaintiffs had suffered due to the truck being out of service for repairs.
- 11. That discussions began between the Plaintiffs and TH Ford in March of 2004 regarding a trade of the defective 2003 350 for a 2004 truck. These discussions began when the truck was in the shop at Don Hein Ford in Indianapolis, on or about March 10, 2004.
- That TH Ford instructed the Plaintiffs to bring the 2003 truck to the their dealership and indicated that they had ordered a 2004 model.

- 13. The Plaintiffs and Defendants came to an agreement on the price of the 2004 350 and the other terms of a sale and it was represented to the Plaintiffs that the 2004 track would be ordered.
- 14. The Plaintiffs and Defendant TH Ford came to an agreement on the price of the 2004 350 and the other terms of a sale and TH Ford represented to the Plaintiffs that the 2004 truck would be ordered.
- 15. TH Ford represented to the Plaintiffs that with their rebate and trade in that the new truck would cost thirty-four thousand dollars (\$34,000,00).
- 16. That the Defendants then contacted the Plaintiffs a few days later and advised that it would take ten (10) to twelve (12) weeks to get the truck they wanted and advised the Plaintiffs that there was another truck they could obtain out of Missouri that could be there the next week. The Plaintiffs agreed with this change.
- 17. That TH Ford then instructed Plaintiff To strip his accessories off the 2003 350 and bring it to the deatership in order to prepare for the arrival of the new trock.
- 18. That the next week and delivered the 2003 350 to TH Ford's place of business, however the Plaintiffs were then advised by TH Ford that they had to wait until the Ford Assistance Program and Ford Credit approved the trade before they could pick up their new truck.
- 19. TH Ford next advised the Plaintiffs that if they would "come up with an additional five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) immediately," they could take the 2004 350 right then and coassummate the sale.

- 20. That the Plaintiffs refused to pay five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) over what they had previously agreed and indicated they would wakt for Ford Assistance and Ford Credit approval.
- On April 9, 2004 TH Ford instructed the Plaintiffs to come and sign the secessary paperwork to pick up the 2004 350 truck, and complete the deal.
- 22. That TH Ford represented that the sale and trade was approved by Ford Assistance and Ford Credit. That Ford Credit sent a letter to Plaintiffs advising that the loan on the 2003-350 had been "paid in full." A copy of that letter is attached as "Exhibit B."
- 23. That the Psaintiffs went to the Defendants' place of business on April 9, 2004 and signed a contract for the purchase of the 2004 350, an agreement for insurance for the truck and were also sold life insurance for the luan they took out on the 2004 350 with Ford Credit.
- That the cash price of the 2004 350 was \$34,605.04.
- That the Plaintiffs received a third party relate of \$4,500.00.
- That taxes on the sale totaled \$1,051.50.
- That the "net trade in pay off" for the 2003 350 was \$13,900,00.
- That the Defendant charged the Plaintiffs \$420.00 for "Gap" Insurance.
- That the total amount financed by the Plaintiffs was \$46,476.54, although
  originally TH Ford represented that Plaintiffs would not owe more than
  approximately \$35,000.00.

30. That the Plaintiffs, with the aid, assistance and direction of the Defendant,
TH Ford, financed the cost of the truck and to payoff the 2003 350
through Ford Motor Credit with the following terms:

Total financed: \$46,476.54

APR: 6.99%

Number of payments: 35 Monthly payment: \$1,439.02

- 31. That a copy of the contract is attached as "Exhibit C".
- Plaintiffs took the 2004 350 they had purchased home that day and left the
   2003 350, which the Defendants had taken in trade.
- That Plaintiffs received as stated above, a letter from Ford Credit dated 4– 12-04 stating that the loan on the 2003 350 had been paid in full. (See "Exhibit B".)
- 34. That the Plaintiffs ordered the following accessories to be installed on their 2004 350 on April 9, 2004:
  - Fifth Wheel
  - Hitch
  - Foel Tank
  - Tool Bax
  - CB
  - Antenna
  - Brake Accessory
  - Fire Extinguisher
  - Mod Flaps
  - Running Boards
  - Brush Guards
  - Beg Screen.
  - Bug Deflector
  - Rain Guards

- 35. That the aforementioned accessories were installed April 13, 2004 and the cost of the aforementioned accessories and the cost of their installation was approximately thirty-five insudred dollars (\$3,500.00).
- 36. That after the accessories were installed on the 2004 350 miles also had a DOT inspection, insured the truck and was ready to return to work.
- That husiness is using the truck to deliver campers for Bennett
   Truck Lines.
- 38. That TH Ford was aware that the Plaintiff and the used the 2003 350 to make a living and that he would use the 2004 350 to make a living.
- 39. That TH Ford was aware of the Plaintiff's business, the use that he had for the truck and that he was losing income during the time that he did not have a truck or that it was out of service.
- 40. That TH Ford next contacted Plaintiffs on April 13, 2004 and advised them that they should come back to the dealership because TH Ford needed to determine if they "were owed more money from Ford Assistance" was also advised by TH Ford that it "wished to take a picture of the 2004 350".
- In reliance of TH Ford's representations, the Plaintiff was a went back to the dealership with the truck.
- When arrived at the dealership, the Sheriff of Vigo County and two deputies were present, at the request of the Defendant, TH Ford.

- 43. The Defendant TH Ford advised the Plaintiff in the presence of the Sheriff and deputies that he would have to leave the truck there and take his 2003 350 back.
- 44. That the Defendent TH Ford then indicated that if Plaintiff
  wanted to enter into a new contract for his 2004 350, (that he already had
  purchased), he could keep the 2004 350, however, he would have to pay an
  additional eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000.00).
- 45. That the Plaintiff refused to enter into a new contract and argued that he should be able to take his truck home. In the presence of the law enforcement officers, TH Ford representatives told Plaintiff he could not take his truck home, and Plaintiff was forced to drive the 2003 350 home.
- 46. That Plaintiff returned to the dealership the next day (April 14, 2004) and was informed by the dealership that it would switch the accessories from the new truck to the old truck at "no cost" and that the Plaintiff would have to take the old truck back. They continued during this meeting to try to force a new contract for more money from the Plaintiff.

  This lasted about 3 hours,
- That the Plaintiff left his 2003 350 at TH Ford for them to change the accessories.
- 48. That the Plaintiff returned to the dealership on Friday April 16, 2004 to pick up the 2003 350 and found all the recessories piled in the back of the truck.

- 49. That the Plaintiff then returned to work with his 2003 350 and four (4) days later (and after he had re-installed the accessories) it broke down.
- 50. The estimate to repair the defective parts of the engine on the 2003 350 is near four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) and Defendants refuse to repair the truck or pay for the repairs.
- 51. That TH Pord is an authorized agent of Ford.
- 52. That TH Ford has apparent authority to act for Ford.
- 53. That TH Ford had express authority to act for Ford.
- 54. That Defendants wrongfully took Plaintiffs' 2004 350 and refuse to return it to them. That Plaintiffs took possession of the 2004 350 under color of sale from the Defendants.
- That the Defendants wrongfully took possession of the Plaintiffs' 2004350 and have wrongfully deprived them of their property.
- That the Defendants have converted the Plaintiffs' property.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request the Court enter judgment as follows:

- Direct defendant TH Ford to appear for the purpose of showing cause why
  a projudgment order for possession should not be issued and the 2004 350
  be defivered to plaintiff;
- Award plaintiffs judgment for possession of the 2004 350;
- Award plaintiffs costs, including the expenses of removal of said property, reasonable attorney fees, and the cost of such bond or undertaking as may be ordered by the court;

 Damages suffered by the plaintiffs and all other relief just and proper in the premises.

Respectfully Submitted,

HANNER HANNER & HANNER

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## COUNTIL

Comes now the Plaintiffs and for Count II would state:

- 1. That Plaintiffs re-allege the allegations of Court I as if fully set out herein.
- 2. That the Plaintiffs are the owner of the 2004 350.
- That the Plaintiffs are entitled to possession of the 2004 350.
- That the Defendants unlawfully took and detained the 2004 350.
- That the Plaintiffs have suffered damages due to the actions of the

### Defendants.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs request that the Court order the immediate return of their vehicle, for damages and all relief just and proper in the premises.

Respectfully Submitted,

HANNER HANNER & HANNER

Gary Gallanner

## COUNT BE

Comes now the Plaintiffs and for Count III and would state:

- That Plaintiffs re-allege the allegations of Count I and II as if fully set out berein.
- That the Defendents made misrepresentations that were false or recklessly made.
- That the Plaintiffs reasonably relied on these misrepresentations to their detriment.
- That Defendants wrongfully used law enforcement officials to intimidate
  the Plaintiff and wrongfully take his property.
- That the Plaintiffs have been damaged by the wrongful conduct of the Defendants.

WHEREFORB, the Pleintiffs request judgment against the defendants in an amount to compensate them for their losses, for costs and all other relief just and proper in the premises.

Respectfully Submitted,

HANNER HANNER & HANNER

Gary G. Harner

### COUNTIY

Comes now the Plaintiffs and for Count IV would state:

- That Plaintiffs re-allege the allegations of the prior Counts of this
  Complaint as if fully set out herein.
- 2. That the 2003 350 has had various mechanical problems and is defective and not fit for the use for which it was sold. That it was not built "Ford Tough."
- That TH Ford was notified of each problem with the 2003 350 and attempted at various times to repair the defects.
- That other authorized Ford Dealerships, or shops also attempted to repair the 2003 350 and Ford was also notified of the various problems.
- That purchased with the 2003 350, was a one hundred thousand-mile warranty and other warranties. A copy of same is attached as "Exhibit D".
- That the Defendants have breeched the warranties by not repairing the defects of the 2003 Ford 350.
- That by reason of defects in the 2003 350 and its time out of service, the Plaintiffs have been damaged.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs request judgment against the defendants in an amount to compensate them for their losses, for costs and all other relief just and proper in the premises.

Respectfully Submitted,

HANNER HANNER & HANNER

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## **COUNT V**

Comes now the Plaintiffs and for Count V would state:

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- That Plaintiffs re-allege the allegations of the prior Counts of this
  Complaint as if fully set out herein.
- That the Defendant TH Ford acted maliciously, fraudulently and willfully
  with conscious disregard for probable damage to the Plaintiffs.
- That the Defendants TH Ford's actions should be punished by an award of
  punitive dames in an amount to punish it for its actions and deter it and
  others from like conduct in the future.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs request judgment against the defendants for an award of punitive damages.

Respectfully Submitted,

HANNER HANNER & HANNER

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## COUNT VI

Comes now the Pleintiffs and for Count VI would state:

- That Plaintiffs re-allege the allegations of the prior Counts of this
  Complaint as if fully set out herein.
- That TH Ford was awars of the agreement between Plaintiffs and Ford
  Credit, which contract was a valid and enforceable contract.
- That TH Ford's actions induced a breach of the aforesaid contract.
- 4. That no justification existed for TH Ford's conduct.
- That Plaintiff's sustained damages as a proximate result of TH Ford's conduct.

WHEREPORE, the Plaintiffs prays for a judgment against the Defendants in amount that will punish it for its actions and deter it and others from like conduct in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Gary G. Hadner #8151-61

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Comes now the Plaintiffs and request a trial by Jury in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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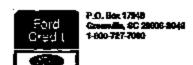
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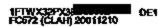
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You may be entitled to a return of the unused Credit Life and/or Disability Insurance premiums if your contract was paid-in-full prior to its original maturity date. If a refund is due, your dealer/original creditor will apply for the refund at your request. You may also contact the insurance company directly to apply for your refund.

If you have any questions regarding your account, please contact us at the number listed above. We appreciate your business. Thank you for allowing us to service your account?

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Ford, Ford Moper Vehicle Assurance Company and your dealer are not responsible for any time that you lose, for any inconvenience you might be caused, for the loss of your transportation, or for any other incidental or consequential damages you may have.

You may have some implied warranties. For example, you may have:

- an implied warranty of merchantshillty (that the car or light truck is reasonably fit for the general purpose for which if was fold); or
- an implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose (that the car
  of light truck is pursued for your special purposes).

These implied warranties are implied, to the extent allowed by law to the time period covered by the writing warranties, or to the applicable time period provided by single law whichever period faulth for the

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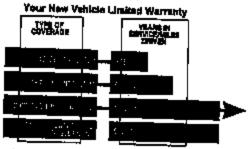
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This chart gives a general summary of your warranty coverage provided by Ford Motor Company or Ford Motor Vehicle Assurance Company under the New Vehicle Limited Warranty Piesse refer to the description of warranty coverage for more specific information.

For each type of coverage, the chart shows two measures:

years in survice

miles driven



The measure that occurs first determines how long your coverage lasts. For example: Your Sumper to Sumper Coverage lasts for three years - unless you drive more than 38,000 miles before three years clapse. In that case, your coverage ends at 38,000 miles.

For more details on coverage, see:

- ₩ What is Covered? (pages 5-7)
- w What is Not Covered? (pages 7-9)

## WHAT IS COVERED?

The New Vehicle Limited Werranty coverage is provided by Ford Motor Company or Ford Motor Vehicle Assurance Company, a subsidiary of Ford Motor Company. These coverages include Bumper to Bumper coverage, Safety Restraint coverage, Corrosion coverage, and 6.0L7.3L PowerStroke® Diesel Engine coverage.

## Bumper To Bumper Coverage

Under your New Vehicle Limited Warranty, Bumper to Bumper Coverage begins at the warranty start date and lasts for three years or 36,000 miles, whichever occurs first. During this coverage period, authorized Ford

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Motor Company dealers will repair, replace, or adjust all parts on your vehicle that are defective in factory-supplied materials or workmanable. Items or conditions that are not covered by the New Vehicle Limited Warranty are described on pages 7-9.

Iwo separate warranties apply to tires on your new vehicle. The new Vehicle Limited Warranty provides no-cost coverage for tire repairs, replacements, or utjustments due to defects in factory-supplied materials or workmanship turing the Bumper to Bumper Coverage period. The tire manufacturer also provides you with a separate the warranty that may extend beyond the Sumper to Bumper Coverage period. You will find the manufacturer's tire warranty with the owner literature supplied with your vehicle. Juring the Bumper to Bumper Coverage period, your authorized Ford dotor Company dealer has the desire to ansure your complete missaction at no out-of-packet cost to you. In addition, you have the option of having a tire warranty rapair performed by the tire namufacturer's authorized service center. If you go to a tire service senter during the Ford Bumper to Bumper Coverage period for a covered repair (replacement or adjustment), you may be charged a property amount for west or other charges. If so, you should present our paid invoke detailing the nature of the charges to any Ford Motor company dealership for refund consideration.

When making warranty repairs on your vehicle, the dealer will use Ford or Motorcraft parts or remanufactured or other parts that are authorized by Ford. In certain instances, Ford may authorize repairs at other than ford dealer facilities.

### Jafety Restraint Coverage

Inder your New Vehicle Limited Warranty, Safety Restraint Coverage egins at the warranty start date and lasts for five years or 50,000 miles, highever occurs first.

luring this coverage period, Ford Motor Company or Ford Motor Vehicle ssurance Company warrants your vehicle's safety belts and air bag upplemental Restraint System (SRS) against defects in factory-supplied taterials or workmanship.

#### Corresion Coverage

inder your New Vehicle Limited Warranty, Corrosion Coverage begins at the arranty start date and covers body sheet metal panels against corrosion us to a defect in factory-supplied materials or workmanship. Corrosion overage (which lasts for 5 years, regardless of miles driven) only applies if its corrosion causes perforation (holes) in body sheet metal panels.

if corresion does not cause perforation (holes), and is not the result of usage and/or environmental conditions, paint damage is covered under the terms of the Bumper to Bumper Warranty (3 years or 36,000 miles, whichever occurs first).

For damage caused by airborne material (environmental fallout) - where there is no factory-related defect involved and therefore no warranty - our policy is to cover paint damage due to airborne material for 12 months or 12,000 miles, whichever occurs first.

## 5.0L/7.3L PowerStroke\* Disset Engine Coverage

The New Vehicle Limited Warranty covers certain direct injection dissellengins components against defects in factory-supplied materials or workmanship for five years after the warranty start date or 100,000 miles, whichever occurs first.

After the and of the Bumper to Bumper Coverage period (three years or 36,000 miles, whichever occurs first), you must pay a \$100 deductible for each repair visit.

Ford Motor Company or Ford Motor Vehicle Assurance Company covers these components: cylinder block, heads and all internal parts, intake and exhaust manifolds, flywheel, timing gear, harmonic belanner, valve covers, oil pan and pump, water pump, fuel system (excluding fuel lines and fuel tank), high pressure lines, gaskets and seals, glow plugs, turbocharger, powertrain control module, electronic driver unit, injectors, injection pressure sensor, high pressure oil regulator, exhaust back pressure regulator and sensor, camabalt position sensor, accelerator switch.

NOTE: Some components may also be covered by the Emissions Warranties, with no deductible. For more information, see pages 11-24. WHAT IS NOT COVERED?

#### Damage Caused By:

- secidents, collision or objects striking the vehicle (including driving through a car wash)
- theft, vandalism, or rior
- Are or explosion.
- freezing

- misusing the vehicle, such as driving over curbs, overloading, racing, or using the vehicle as a stationary power source
- altering or modifying the vehicle including the body, chassis, or components - after the vehicle leaves Ford's control

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- non-Ford parts installed after the vehicle leaves Ford's control. For arample, but not limited to, cellular phones, alarm systems, and automatic starting systems, and performance-enhancing powertrain chips
- tampering with the vehicle, tampering with the emissions systems, or with other parts that affect these systems
- disconnecting or altering the odometer or allowing the odometer to be inoperative for an extended period of time with the result that the actual mileage cannot be determined
- using contaminated or improper fuel/fluids
- customer-applied chemicals or accidental spills
- driving through water deep enough to cause water to be ingested into

#### Damage Caused by Use and/or the Environment

Your New Vehicle Limited Warranty does not cover surface rust and deterioration of point, trim, upholstery, and other appearance items that result from use and/or exposure to the elements. Here are examples:

- stone chips, scratches (some) examples are on paint and glass) . lightning, hall
- bird and bee droppings

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- windstorm.
- cuts, burns, punctures or tears
- earthquake water or flood
- . road sait, tree sap Damage Caused by Improper Maintenance

Your New Vehicle Limited Warranty does not cover damage caused by failure to maintain the vehicle, improperly maintaining the vehicle, or using the wrong part, fuel, oil, lubricants, or fluids. See the Owner Guide for correct fluid types and levels, and consult the Scheduled Maintenance Guide for proper ways to maintain your vehicle.

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Your New Vehicle Limited Warranty does not cover: (1) parts and labor needed to maintain the vehicle; and (2) the replacement of parts due to normal wear and tear. You, as the owner, are responsible for these items.

#### Examples from the Scheduled Maintenance Guide are:

oil changes

- cleaning/polishing
- oils, lubricants, other fluids
- wiper blades

oil/air filters

- clutch ligings
- brake linings/pads

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#### Tire Wear or Damage

As typically is the case with the manufacturer warranties, normal west or worn-out tires are not covered by the New Vehicle Limited Warranty. Road hexard damage such as cuts, snars, bruises, bulges and impact breaks (potholes and curbs) are not covered. Any damage caused by a puncture or the repair is not covered. In addition, damage from improper inflation or elignment, the chains, racing, aptuning (as when strick in mow or mud), improper mounting or dismounting is not covered.

#### Other Items and Conditions Not Covered.

Your New Vehicle Limited Warranty also does not cover:

- non-Ford parts of your vehicle, for example, parts (including glass). installed by body builders or manufacturers other than Ford, or damage to Ford components caused by installation of non-Ford parts other than "certified" emissions parts
- vehicles that have ever been labeled or branded as "dismantled", "fire", "flood", "junk", "rebuilt", "reconstructed", or "selvaged"; this will void the New Vehicle Limited Warranty
- vehicles that have been determined to be a "total loss" by an insurance company; this will void the New Vehicle Limited Warranty
- converted ambulances that are not equipped with the Ford Ambulance Prep Package, see important information about ambulance conversions (page 28).
- any Ford or Mercury vehicles (except Excursion modified by a Qualified Vehicle Modifier using the XLT package with a B.SL engine and 4:80 axis (XC3)) that are converted to limousines. This will void the New Vehicle Limited Warranty. See additional information about authorized Excursion medifications expage 29.

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- After the first 12 months in service or 12,000 miles, whichever occurs first, wheel alignment and tire balancing are not covered unless required by a warranty repair.
- After 12 months in service, regardless of miles driven (24 months for vehicles sold and registered in the State of New York), wiper blades are not covered.

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ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF Jacqueline C. Herritt, Regulre KIMMEL & SILVERMAN, P.C. Executive Quarters 1936 E. Mariton Pike, Suite T11 Cherry Hul, NJ 00003 JURY TRIAL DEMANDED. RECEIVED & FILED (856)429-8334 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY OCIÁN COUNTY Bayville, New Jarge SUPERIOR CT., OCEAN CO. CIVIL ACTION FORD MOTOR COMPANY Jen 1/66304 C/O CT Corporation 824 Bear Tavers Road, Salte 350 West Trentes, NJ 08623

## COMPLAINT

- Pleintiff and the State of New Jersey.
   Bayville, New Jersey
- 2. Defendant, Ford Motor Company, is a business corporation qualified to do business and regularly conducts business in the State of New Jersey, with its legal residence and principal place of business located at 360 Remaissance Center, P.O. Box 43301, Detroit, MI 48243, and can be served at e/o CT Corporation, 820 Bear Tavern Road, Suite 150, West Trenton, NJ 08628.

### **BACKGROUND**

- On or about November 13, 2003, Plaintiff purchased a new 2004 Ford F-350, manufactured and warranted by Defendant, bearing the Vehicle Identification Number 1FTSF31P44E
- The vehicle was purchased in the State of New Jersey and is registered in the State of New Jersey.
- The contract price of the vehicle, including registration charges, document fees, sales tax, finance and bank charges, but <u>excluding</u> other collateral charges not specified, yet defined by the

Lemon Law, totaled more than \$34,153.00. A true and correct copy of the contract is attached hereto, made a part hereof, and marked Exhibit "A".

- 6. In consideration for the purchase of said vehicle, Defendant issued to Plaintiff several warranties, guarantees, affirmations or undertakings with respect to the material or workmanship of the vehicle and/or remedial action in the event the vehicle fails to meet the promised specifications.
- 7. The above-referenced warranties, guarantees, affirmations or undertakings are/were part of the basis of the hargain between Defendant and Plaintiff.
- The parties' bargalu includes an express 3-year / 36,000 mile warranty, as well as other guarantees, affirmations and undertakings as stated in Defendant's warranty materials and owner's manual.
- 9. However, as a result of the ineffective repair attempts made by Defendant through its authorized dealer(s), the vehicle is rendered substantially impaired, unable to be utilized for its intended purposes, and is worthless to Plaintiff.
- 10. Plaintiff has or may have resorted to Defendant's informal dispute settlement procedure, to the extent said procedure complies with 16 CFR 703.
- 11. Plaintiff avers that the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has determined that no automobile manufacturer complies with 16 CFR 703. See, Fed. Reg. 15636, Vol. 62, No. 63 (Agr. 2, 1997).

## COUNT I NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE WARRANTY ACT

- 12. Plaintiff hereby incorporates all facts and allegations set forth in this Complaint by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.
  - 13. Plaintiff is a "Consumer" as defined by N.J.S.A. 56:12-30.
  - Defendant is a "Manufacture" as defined by N.J.S.A. 56:12-30.

- 15. Downs Ford, Inc., is and/or was at the time of sale a "Dealer or Motor Vehicle Dealer" in the business of buying, selling, and/or exchanging vehicles as defined by N.J.S.A. 56:12-30.
- 16. On or about November 13, 2003, Plaintiff took possession of the above mentioned vehicle and experienced nonconformities as defined by N.J.S.A. 56:12-29 et seq., which substantially impair the use, value and/or safety of the vehicle.
- 17. Defendant through its authorized dealer failed to provide written notification that the vehicle was covered by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Warranty Act as provided in N.J.S.A. 56:12-34(c). Plaintiff believes and therefore avers said failure is a per se violation of the New Jersey Consumer Franci Act, N.J.S.A. 56:8-1 et seq., as well as a violation of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Warranty Act.
- 18. The nonconformities described violate the express written warranties issued to Plaintiff by Defendant.
  - 19. Section 56:12-32 of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Warranty Act provides:
    - a. If, during the period specified in action 3 of this act, the manufacturer or its dealer is unable to repair or correct a accordingly within a reasonable time, the manufacturer shall accept ratum of the molor vehicle from the consumer. The manufacturer shall provide the consumer with a full refund of the purchase price of the original motor vehicle including any stated credit or allowance for the consumer's used motor vehicle, the cost of any options or other modifications arranged, installed, or made by the manufacturer or its dealer within 30 days after the date or original delivery, and any other charges or fees including, but not limited to, sales tax, license and registration fees, finance changes, reinaburament for the including and reinaburament for actual expenses incurred by the consumer for the rectal of a motor vehicle equivalent to the consumer's motor vehicle and limited to the period during which the consumer's motor vehicle was out of service due to a nonconformity, less a reasonable allowance for vehicle use.
- 20. Section 56:12-33 of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Warranty Act provides a presumption of a reasonable number of repair attempts:
  - a. It is prenamed that a manufacturer or its dealer is analyto to repair or correct a noncomformity within a reasonable time if, within the first 18,000 miles of operation or during the period of two years following the date of original delivery of the motor vehicle to a commuter, whichever is the earlier date:
    - (1) Substantially the stone nonconformity has been subject to repair three or more times by the menticlastorer or its dealer and the asmounformity continues to exist; or
    - (2) The motor vehicle is out of service by reason of repair for one or more nonconfiamities for a cumulative total of 20 or more calendar days afoce the original delivery of the motor vehicle and a nonconfiamity cartiques to exist.
  - b. The presumption contained is sub-section a, of this section shall apply against a manufacturer only if the paperfacturer less received written optification, by or on behalf of the consumer, by certified small.

return receipt requested, of a potential claim pursuant to the provisions of this act and has had one opportunity to repair or correct the defect or condition within 10 calendar days following receipt of the actification. Notification by the consumer shall take place my time after the motor vehicle has had substantially the same nonecasionally subject to repair two or more fines or has been out of service by reason of repair for a cumulative total of 28 or more calendar days.

- 21. Plaintiff has satisfied the above definition as the vehicle has been subject to repair more than three (3) times for the same nonconformity, and the nonconformity remained uncorrected.
- 22. In addition, the above vehicle has or will be out of service by reason of the nonconformities complained of for a cumulative total of twenty (20) or more calendar days.
- 23. Plaintiff has delivered the nonconforming vehicle to an authorized service and repair facility of the Defendant on numerous occasions as outlined below.
- 24. After a reasonable number of attempts, Defendant was unable to repair the nonconformities.
- 25. During the first 24 months and/or 18,000 miles, Plaintiff complained on at least three (3) occasions about defects and or non-conformities to the following vehicle components: abnormal oil consumption, excessive smoke from exhaust, toss of power condition and delay in shifting. True and correct copies of all invoices in Plaintiff possession are attached hereto, made a part bereof, and marked Exhibit "B".
- 26. Plaintiff has been and will continue to be financially damaged due to Defendant's intentional, reckless, wanton, and negligent failure to comply with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 56:12-29 et seq.
- Plaintiff has provided Defendant with a final repair opportunity prior to filing the within Complaint.
- 28. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 56:12-29 of seq. Plaintiff seeks relief for losses due to the nonconformities and defects in the above-mentioned vehicle in addition to reasonable attorney fees and all court costs.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment against Defendant in an amount equal to the price of the subject vehicle, plus all collateral charges, attorneys' fees, and court costs.

## COUNT II MAGNUSON-MOSS (PTC) WARRANTY IMPROVEMENT ACT

- 29. Plaintiff hereby incorporates all facts and allegations set forth in this Complaint by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.
  - 30. Plaintiff is a "Consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §2301(3).
- 31. Defendant is a "supplier", "warrantor", and a "service contractor" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 2301 (4),(5) and (8).
  - 32. The subject vehicle is a "consumer product" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 2301(1).
- 33. By the terms of its written warranties, affirmations, pramises, or service contracts, Defendant agreed to perform effective repairs at no charge for parts and/or labor.
- 34. The Magnuson-Moss Warranty Improvement Act requires Defendant to be bound by all warranties implied by state law. Said warranties are imposed on all transactions in the state in which the vehicle was delivered.
- 35. Defendant has made attempts on several occasions to comply with the terms of its express warranties; however, such repair attempts have been ineffective.
  - 36. The Magnuson-Moss Warranty Improvement Act, 15 U.S.C. §2310(d)(2) provides:

If a consumer finally prevails on an action brought under paragraph (1) of this subsection, he may be allowed by the court to recover as part of the judgment a sum equal to the amount of aggregate attount of costs and expenses (including attorney fees based upon actual time expended), determined by the court to have been reasonably incurred by the Plaintiff for, or in connection with the consutencement and processition of such action, unless the court, in its discretion shall determine that such an award of attorney's fees would be inappropriate.

37. Plaintiff has afforded Defendant a reasonable number of opportunities to conform the vehicle to the aforementioned express warranties, implied warranties and contracts.

- 38. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's failure to comply with the express written warranties, Plaintiff has suffered damages and, in accordance with 15 U.S.C. §2310(d)(1), Plaintiff is entitled to bring suit for such damages and other legal and equitable relief.
- 39. Defendant's failure is a breach of Defendant's contractual and statutory obligations constituting a violation of the Magnason-Moss Warranty Improvement Act, including but not limited to: breach of express warranties; breach of implied warranty of merchantability; breach of implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose; breach of contract; and constitutes an Unfair Trade Practice.
- 40. Plaintiff avers Defendant's Dispute Resolution Program is not in compliance with 16 CFR 703 by the FTC for the period of time this claim was submitted.
- 41. Plaintiff avers that upon successfully prevailing upon the Magnuson-Moss claim berein, all attorney fees are recoverable and are demanded against Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment against Defendant in an amount equal to the price of the subject vehicle, plus all collateral charges, incidental and consequential damages, reasonable attorneys' fees, and all court costs.

## COUNT III UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE

- 42. Plaintiff hereby incorporates all facts and allegations set forth in this Complaint by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 43. The defects and nonconformities existing within the vehicle constitute a breach of contractual and statutory obligations of Defendant, including but not limited to the following:
  - a. Express Warranty;
  - b. Implied Warranty Of merchantability; and
  - c. Implied Warranty Of Fitness For A Particular Purpose.

- 44. At the time of obtaining possession of the vehicle and at all times subsequent thereto, Plaintiff has justifiably relied upon Defendant's express warranties and implied warranties of fitness for a particular purpose and implied warranties of merchantability.
- 45. At the time of obtaining possession of the vehicle and at all times subsequent thereto, Defendant was aware Plaintiff was relying upon Defendant's express and implied warranties, obligations, and representations with regard to the subject vehicle.
- 46. Plaintiff has incurred damages as a direct and proximate result of the breach and failure of Defendant to honor its express and implied warranties.
- 47. Such damages include, but are not limited to, the contract price of the vehicle plus all collateral charges, including attorney fees and costs, as well as other expenses, the full extent of which are not yet known.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment against Defendant in an amount equal to the contract price of the vehicle, plus all collateral charges and attorneys' fees.

# COUNT IV NEW JERSEY CONSUMER FRAUD ACT

- 48. Plaintiff hereby incorporates all facts and allegations set forth in this Complaint by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.
  - Plaintiff is a "Person" as defined by N.J.S.A. 56:8-1(d).
  - Defendant is a "Person" as defined by N.J.S.A. 56:8-1(d).
- 51. Defendant's actions surrounding the sale and servicing of the subject vehicle were meconscionable. Defendant's agents also acted with a reckless and callous disregard for Pieintiff's rights in negotiating and handling Plaintiff's warranty claims.
- 52. Defendant's actions surrounding the sale and servicing of said vehicle constitute a unconscionable commercial practice, deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, and/or misrepresentation. Defendant and its agents acted affirmatively in such a manner as to be an unlewful commercial practice.

- Defendant acted knowingly with the intent to cause Plaintiff's reliance thereupon.
- 54. Defendant knowingly concealed, suppressed, or omitted facts material to the transactions at issue, in that Defendant was aware the defect(s)/condition(s) could not be repaired, and that the ineffectual repairs were performed by incompetent or unqualified individuals. Defendant's failure to verify the defect(s) or condition(s) constitutes a refusal to perform the repairs under its statutory or contractual obligations.
- 55. Defendant through its authorized dealer failed to provide written notification that the vehicle was covered by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Warranty Act N.J.S.A. 56:12-34(c) and Plaintiff believes and therefore evers said failure is a per se violation of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act N.J.S.A. 56:8-1 et seq. as well as a violation of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Warranty Act.
- 56. Plaintiff believes and therefore avers that the defect(s) or condition(s) outlined previously is/are an inherent design defect and that as such the Defendant must certify the existence of this defect or condition to the Division of Consumer Affairs. Defendant has failed to fite this certification and this failure is a violation of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act N.J.S.A. 56:8-1 et seq.
- 57. Defendant's failure to supply an itemized legible statement of repair is an unlawful practice pursuant to the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act N.J.S.A. 56:8-2.
- 58. The Act prohibits the aforementioned action of Defendant in the sale and attempted repair of the subject vehicle.
- 59. Plaintiff believes and therefore evers the reckless, wanton and willful failure of Defendant to comply with the terms of the written warranties constitutes an unfair method of competition.
- 60. As a result of Defendant's unlawful conduct, Plaintiff has and will continue to suffer ascertainable financial loss proximately caused by the Defendant's conduct. Said losses are outlined as follows:

- a. Plaintiff is cutitled to a full refund N.J.S.A. 56:8-2.11-12;
- Plaintiff's vehicle, given the defect/condition, is worthless;
- Plaintiff lost time from work and other money as a result of having to take the vehicle in for the repeated repair attempts;
- d. Plaintiff has been relegated to finding elternative means of transportation while the vehicle was in for repairs and while the vehicle has been in its present condition. As a result, Plaintiff has incurred additional transportation costs; and
- Plaintiff has expended sums to maintain, store, insure, register, and other expenses for transportation.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment against Defendant for compensatory damages, treble damages, attorney fees, costs of suit, and any further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

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## JURY-DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury as to all the issues

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By: ALCOHELINE C. HERRYIN, ESQUIRE

Attorney for Plaintiff

## CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO R.4:15-1

Upon knowledge and belief I hereby certify that there are no other actions or arbitrations related to this suit pending or presently contemplated.

KIMMEL & SILVERMAN, P.C.

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Attorney for Plaintiff

#### CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 56:8-20 Plaintiff is mailing a copy of this Complaint to the Office of the Attorney General, Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, 25 West Market Street in the City of Trenton, County of Mercer, in the state of New Jersey on June 3, 2004

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### Office of the Attorney General

## Request for Arbitration by the Florida New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board

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9. Make: Ford Model: EXCURSIO (Mustang, Accord.	ン Year: <u>2003</u>   , etc.)
10. Vehicle Identification Number (VIN):  1	is listed on your vehicle
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VS.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

JUDICIAL DISTRICT

HARRIS COUNTY

STATE OF TEXAS

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW INTO COURT, through undersigned counsel, comes Plaintiffs,

who now petition this Honorable Court

as follows:

#### I. PARTIES

Plaintiffs are an individual and business residing in the Webster, State of Texas.

Defendant, FORD MOTOR COMPANY, hereinafter "FORD," a corporation authorized to do and doing business in the State of Texas whose agent of service is C.T. Corporation System, 350 N. St. Paul Street, Dallas, TX 75201; and

#### II. **VEN**UE

Venue is proper in Harris County, State of Texas pursuant to Section 15.002 of the Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

#### III. DISCOVERY

Plaintiffs intend for discovery to be level I.

#### IV. STATEMENT OF FACTS

On or about February 7, 2003, Pleintiffs,

entered into a motor vehicle lease agreement with BAY AREA FORD, for the purchase of a 2003 FORD F-250, Vin 1FTNW20PX3E (hereinafter referred to as the "F-250" or the "vehicle"). The lease price was approximately \$40,000.00.

Defendant, FORD, is the manufacturer and assembler of this vehicle.

Plaintiffs' vehicle was accompanied by express warranties offered by Defendants and extending to Plaintiffs. These warranties were part of the basis of the bargain of Plaintiffs' contract for purchase of the vehicle.

In fact, when delivered, the vehicle was defective in materials and workmanship, auch defects being discovered within the warranty periods. Within the first month after purchase, Pleintiffs began experiencing defective conditions with the engine in their F-250 running rough and dying. Said defects substantially impaired the use, value, and/or safety of the F-250. Many defective conditions have occurred since purchase, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Engine defects;
- (2) Other defects listed in the repair orders or discovered in discovery.

Since the date of the purchase, Plaintiffs' F-250 has been in the repair shop over nine (9) separate times. Despite Plaintiffs' repeated efforts to allow Defendants the opportunity to repair the F-250, many nonconforming and defective conditions

were never repaired. From the date of its purchase, the F-250 continues to this day to exhibit some or all of the conconformities described above.

#### V. DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

Defendants violated Section 17.46(b) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, in that the Defendants:

- (A) represented that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that good are of a particular style or model, if they are of another;
- (B) represented that a guarantee or warranty confers or involves rights or remedies which it does not have or involve;
- (C) failed to disclose information concerning goods or services which was known at the time of the transaction with the intention to induce the consumer into a transaction into which the consumer would not have entered had the information been disclosed;
- (D) the implied warranty of good and workmanlike performance; and
- (E) the implied warranty of merchantability.

Plaintiffs further show that the acts, practices, and/or omissions complained of were the producing cause of Plaintiffs damages more fully described herein below.

 Plaintiffs further show that the acts, practices, and/or omissions complained of under Section 17.46(b) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code were relied upon by Plaintiffs to Plaintiff's detriment.

Plaintiffs have simultaneously sent the written notice, as required by Section 17.505, Texas Business and Commerce Code, and complied with all conditions precedent to the filing of this lawsuit.

#### VI. SREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTIES

In addition, the Defendants issued an expressed written warranty which covered the F-250 and warranted that the F-250 was free of defects in materials and work quality at the time of delivery.

As alleged above, the Defendants breeched its warranties by offering for sale, and selling as safe to Plaintiffs, a vehicle that was latently defective, unsafe, and likely to cause economic loss to Plaintiffs.

In breach of the foregoing warranties, the Defendants have failed to correct said defects.

The damages Plaintiffs have 'suffered are a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions in this matter include but are not limited to costs of repair, expenses associated with returning the vehicle for repeated repair attempts, loss of wages, loss of use, damages, and atterney fees.

#### VII. BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES

Defendants impliedly warranted that Plaintiffs' F-250, which it designed, manufectured, and sold, were merchantable and fit and safe for their ordinary use, not otherwise injurious to consumers, and would come with adequate safety warnings.

Any purported limitation of the duration of the implied warranties contained in the written warranties given by Defendants is unreasonable and unconscionable and void under the principles of estoppel, because Defendants knew the defects existed and might not be discovered, if at all, until the F-250 had been driven for a period longer than the period of the written warranty, and Defendants willfully withheld information about the defects from Plaintiffs.

Because of their disclosed defects, Plaintiffs' F-250 is unsafe and unfit for use and have caused economic loss to the Plaintiffs. Therefore, the Defendants breached the implied warranty of merchantability.

As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breach of the implied warranty of merchantability, Plaintiffs is entitled to damages.

#### VIII. BREACH OF CONTRACT

Plaintiffs would show that the actions and/or omissions of Defendants described herein above constitute breach of contract, which proximately caused the direct and consequential damages to Plaintiffs described herein below, and for which Plaintiffs hereby sues.

#### IX. ECONOMIC AND ACTUAL DAMAGES

Plaintiffs sustained the following economic and actual damages as a result of the actions and/or omissions of Defendants described herein above:

- (A) Out of pocket expenses, including but not limited to the money pald towards the note securing the vehicle;
- (B) Lass of use;
- (C) Loss of the "banefit of the bargain";
- (D) Diminished or reduced market value; and
- (E) Costs of repairs.

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THIS IS AN ARBITRATION MATTER. ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGES HEADING IS REQUESTED.

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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

FORD MOTOR COMPANY C/O CT Corporation 1515 Market Street, Suite 1210 Philadelphia, FA 19103 CIVIL ACTION

#### COMPLAINT CODE: 1900

- 2. Defendant, Ford Motor Company, is a business corporation qualified to do business and regularly conduct business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and is a corporation of the State of Delaware, with its legal residence and principal place of business located at 300 Renaissance Center, P.O. Box 43301, Detroit, MI, 48243, and can be served at c/o CT Corporation, 1515 Market Street, Suite 1210, Philadelphia, PA, 19103.

#### BACKGROUND

- On or about April 18, 2003, Plaintiff purchased a new 2003 Pord Excursion, manufactured and warranted by Defendant, bearing the Vehicle Identification Number 1FMSU43P23F
- The vehicle was purchased in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is registered in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

- 5. The contract price of the vehicle, including registration charges, document fees, sales tax, finance and bank charges, but <u>excluding</u> other collateral charges not specified, yet defined by the Lemon Law, totaled more than \$23,838.94. A true and correct copy of the contract is attached hereto, made a part hereof, and marked Exhibit "A".
- 6. In consideration for the purchase of said vehicle, Defendant issued to Plaintiff several warranties, guarantees, affirmations or undertakings with respect to the material or workmanship of the vehicle and/or remedial action in the event the vehicle fails to meet the promised specifications.
- The above-referenced warranties, guarantees, affirmations or undertakings are/were part
  of the basis of the bargain between Defendant and Plaintiff.
- The parties' bargain includes an express 3-year / 36,000 mile warranty, as well as other guarantees, affirmations and undertakings as stated in Defendant's warranty materials and owner's manual.
- 9. However, as a result of the ineffective repair attempts made by Defendant through its authorized dealer(s), the vehicle is rendered substantially impaired, anable to be utilized for its intended purposes, and is worthless to Plaintiff.
- 10. Plaintiff has or may have resorted to Defendant's informal dispute settlement procedure, to the extent said procedure complies with 16 CFR 703.
- 11. Plaintiff avers that the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has determined that no automobile manufacturer complies with 16 CFR 703. See, Fed. Reg. 15636, Vol. 62, No. 63 (Apr. 2, 1997).

## COUNT I PENNSYLVANIA AUTOMOBILE LEMON LAW

12. Plaintiff hereby incorporates all facts and allegations set forth in this Complaint by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.

- Plaintiff is a "Purchaser" as defined by 73 P.S. §1952.
- 14. Defendant is a "Manufacturer" as defined by 73 P.S. §1952.
- 15. Chapman Ford of Lancaster is and/or was at the time of sale a Motor Vehicle Dealer in the business of buying, selling, and/or exchanging vehicles as defined by 73 P.S. §1952.
- 16. On or about April 18, 2003, Plaintiff took possession of the above mentioned vehicle and experienced nonconformities as defined by 73 P.S §1951 at seq., which substantially impair the use, value and/or safety of the vehicle.
- 17. The nonconformities described violate the express written warranties issued to Plaintiff by Defendant.
  - 18. Section 1955 of the Pennsylvania Automobile Lemon Law provides:

If a manufacturer fails to repair or correct a sunconformity after a reasonable aumber of attempts, the manufacturer shall, at the option of the purchasor, replace the motor vehicle... or accept return of the vehicle from the purchasor, and refund to the purchasor the full purchaso price, including all collected charges, less a reasonable allowance for the purchasors use of the vehicle, not exceeding \$.10 per mile driven or 10% of the purchase price of the vehicle, whichever is less.

- 19. Section 1956 of the Pennsylvania Automobile Lemon Law provides a presumption of a reasonable number of repair attempts if:
  - (1) The same nonconformity has been subject to repair three times by the manufacturer, its agents or authorized dealers and the nonconformity still exists; or
  - (2) The vehicle is cut-of-service by reason of any nonconformity for a cumulative total of thirty or more calendar days.
- 20. Plaintiff has satisfied the above definition as the vehicle has been subject to repair more than three (3) times for the same nonconformity, and the nonconformity remained uncorrected.
- 21. In addition, the above vehicle has or will be out-of-service by reason of the nonconformities complained of for a cumulative total of thirty (30) or more calendar days.
- 22. Plaintiff has delivered the nonconforming vehicle to an authorized service and repair facility of the Defendant on numerous occasions as outlined below.
- 23. After a reasonable number of attempts, Defendant was unable to repair the nonconformities.

- 24. During the first 12 months and/or (2,000 miles, Plaintiff complained on at least three (3) occasions about defects and or non-conformities to the following vehicle components: abnormal oil lank, diesel odor, defective heater,. True and correct copies of all invoices in Plaintiff possession are attached hereto, made a part hereof, and marked Exhibit \*B\*.
- 25. Plaintiff avers the vehicle has been subject to additional repair attempts for defects and conditions for which Defendant's warranty dealer did not provide or maintain itemized statements as required by 73 P.S. § 1957.
- 26. Plaintiff avers that such itemized statements, which were not provided as required by 73 P.S. § 1957 also include technicians' notes of diagnostic procedures and repairs, and Defendant's Technical Service Bulletins relating to this vehicle.
- 27. Plaintiff avers the vehicle has been subject to additional repair attempts for defects and conditions for which Defendant's warranty dealer did not provide the notification required by 73 P.S. § 1957.
- 28. Plaintiff has and will continue to suffer damages due to Defendant's failure to comply with the provisions of 73 P.S. §§ 1954 (repair obligations), 1955 (manufacturer's duty for refund or replacement), and 1957 (itemized statements required).
- 29. Pursuant to 73 P.S. § 1958, Plaintiff seeks relief for losses due to the vehicle's nonconformities, including the award of reasonable attorneys' fees and all court costs.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment against Defendant in an amount equal to the price of the subject vehicle, plus all collateral charges, attorneys' fees, and court costs.

## COUNT II MAGNUSON-MOSS (FEC) WARRANTY IMPROVEMENT ACT

30. Plaintiff hereby incorporates all facts and allegations set forth in this Complaint by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.

- 31. Plaintiff is a "Consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §2301(3).
- 32. Defendant is a "supplier", "warrantor", and a "service contractor" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 2301 (4),(5) and (8).
  - 33. The subject vehicle is a "consumer product" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 2301(1).
- 34. By the terms of its written warranties, affirmations, promises, or service contracts, Defendant agreed to perform effective repairs at no charge for parts and/or labor.
- 35. The Magnuson-Moss Warranty Improvement Act requires Defendant to be bound by all warranties implied by state law. Said warranties are imposed on all transactions in the state in which the vehicle was delivered.
- 36. Defendant has made attempts on several occasions to comply with the terms of its express warranties; however, such repair attempts have been ineffective.
  - 37. The Magnuson-Moss Warranty Improvement Act, 15 U.S.C. §2310(d)(2) provides:

If a consumer finally prevails on an action brought under paragraph (1) of this subsection, he may be allowed by the court to recover as part of the judgment a mun equal to the amount of aggregate amount of costs and expenses (including attorney fees based upon actual time expended), determined by the court to have been responsibly incurred by the Plaintiff for, or in connection with the cummencement and protection of such action, unless the court, in its discretion shall determine that such an award of attorney's fees would be inappropriate.

- 38. Plaintiff has afforded Defendant a reasonable number of opportunities to conform the vehicle to the aforementioned express warranties, implied warranties and contracts.
- 39. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's failure to comply with the express written warranties, Plaintiff has suffered damages and, in accordance with 15 U.S.C. §2310(d)(1), Plaintiff is entitled to bring suit for such damages and other legal and equitable relief.
- 40. Defendant's failure is a breach of Defendant's contractual and statutory obligations constituting a violation of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Improvement Act, including but not limited to; breach of express warranties; breach of implied warranty of merchantability; breach of implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose; breach of contract; and constitutes an Unfair Trade Practice.

- 41. Plaintiff evers Defendant's Dispute Resolution Program is not in compliance with 16 CFR 703 by the FTC for the period of time this claim was submitted.
- 42. Plaintiff avers that upon successfully prevailing upon the Magnuson-Moss claim herein, all attorney fees are recoverable and are demanded against Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment against Defendant in an amount equal to the price of the subject vehicle, plus all collateral charges, incidental and consequential damages, reasonable attorneys' fees, and all court costs.

## COUNT HI PENNSYLVANIA UNPAIR TRADE PRACTICES AND CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW

- 43. Plaintiff hereby incorporates all facts and allegations set forth in this Complaint by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.
  - 44. Plaintiff is a "Person" as defined by 73 P.S. §201-2(2).
  - 45. Defendant is a "Persou" as defined by 73 P.S. §201-2(2).
- 46. Section 201-9.2(a) of the Act authorizes a private cause of action for any person "who putchases or leases goods or services primarily for personal, family or household purposes."
- 47. Section 1961 of the Permsylvenia Automobile Lemon Law, provides that a violation of its provisions shall automatically constitute a violation of the Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act, 73 P.S. 201-1 et seq.
- 48. In addition, the Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act, 73

  P.S. §201-2(4), defines "unfair or deceptive acts or practices" to include the following conduct:
  - (vii). Representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality or guade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another;
  - (xiv). Failing to comply with the terms of any written guarantee or warranty given to the buyer at, prior to, or after a contract for the purchase of goods or services is made;
  - (xv). Knowingly thintepresenting that services, replacements or repairs are needed if they are not needed;
  - (xvi). Making repairs, improvements or replacements on tangible, real or personal property of a nature or quality inferior to or below the standard of that agreed to in writing;

(xvii). Engaging in any other friedulent or deceptive conduct which creates a likelihood of confesion or of mirroderstanding.

49. Plaintiff avers Defendant has violated these, as well as other provisions, of 73 P.S. §201-2 et seq.

50. Section 201-3.1 of the Act provides that the Automotive Industry Trade Practice rules and regulations adopted by the Attorney General for the enforcement of this Act shall constitute.

additional violations of the Act.

51. Defendant's conduct surrounding the sale and servicing of the subject vehicle falls within the aforementioned definitions of "unfair or deceptive acts or practices."

52. The Act also authorizes the Court, in its discretion, to award up to three (3) times the actual damages sustained for violations.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment against Defendant in an amount not in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), together with all collateral charges, attorneys' fees, all court costs and treble damages.

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#### VERIFICATION

Robert M. Silverman, states that he is the attorney for the Plaintiff herein; that he is acquainted with the facts set forth in the foregoing Complaint; that same are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief; and that this statement is made subject to the Penalties of 18 Pa. C.S.A. §4904, relating to unsworn falsifications to sufforties.

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> CARRERA v. FORD, ET AL-COMPLAINT

- Defendant FORD MOTOR CORPORATION (FORD), was and is a business
  organized and existing with its principal place of business under the laws of
  unknown State and authorized and licensed to engage, and engaging in the
  business of manufacturing, distributing and selling automobiles to the general
  public.
- 3. Plaintiff is ignorant of the true names and capacities of defendants such herein as DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, and, therefore, sues these defendant by those fictitious names, plaintiff will amend this complaint to allege their true names and capacities when ascertained. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of such fictitiously named defendants is responsible in some manner for the injuries hereinafter alleged.
- 4. On or about MAY 27<sup>TM</sup>, 2003, in Los Angeles County, California, plaintiff entered into a contract to purchase and purchased from defendant FORD a certain 2003 F250 SUPER DUTY FORD automobile. Plaintiff purchased the automobile for use primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

  Thus, the contract was, and is, subject to the Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act, Civil Code Section 1790 et seq.
- 5. Before plaintiff entered into the contract or purchased the automobile as set forth in Paragraph 4, above, defendant, through its agents and employees, expressly and impliedly wantented and represented that the automobile was free from defects and in all respects safe for use in the manner for which it was designed, manufactured, and sold, and warranted that the 2003 FORD F250 was of merchantable quality and fit for the purpose intended, namely for personal, family or household purposes.
- Plaintiff relied on these warranties and representations of defendant and on defendant's skill and judgment in the purchase of the 2003 FORD F250 automobile.

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- 7. The aforementioned 1998 FORD P250 was in fact tunnerchantable and unfit to be operated, in that certain component parts, causing engine failure and, as a proximate result of that defective magnifecture, design and assembly, the automobile was unfit for use and was of unmerchantable quality.
- 8. On or about MAY 2003, plaintiff discovered that the 1998 FORD F250 was defective and not safe for reasonable operation, and notified defendant of those facts. Specifically, Plaintiff contacted Bob Wondries FORD (an authorized FORD dealer) to attempt repair of the various components and parts. Thereafter, Plaintiff made several other attempts (more than 5 attempts) to have the problems fixed by FORD continuing through December 2003.
- After the unsuccessful attempts at repair, plaintiff demanded that defendant
  manufacturer either replace the vehicle in accordance with Civil Code
  Section 1793.2(d)(2)(A) or make restitution to plaintiff in accordance with
  Civil Code Section 1793.2(d)(2)(B).
- 10. On February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004, Plaintiff, through legal representation, notified defendant manufacturer of the association in writing, with full particulars for the purposes of service; and again requested that defendant manufacturer either replace the vehicle or make restitution, pursuant to the above referenced provisions of the Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act.
- 11. When plaintiff delivered the truck to be repaired, the date was within eighteen months of the date of delivery to buyer and before eighteen thousand miles were on the odometer. The same nonconformities have been subject to repair four or more times by the manufacturer or its agents and the buyer has a least once directly notified the manufacturer of the need for the repair of the nonconformity.
- Defendant manufacturer has accepted to refund the cost of the vehicle and based on the representations of FORD, CARRERA delivered the vehicle to Bob

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Wondries Ford on June 19th, 2004. FORD has paid a partial payment but has failed and refused, and continues to fail and refuse to make restitution to plaintiff by failing to payoff the lienholder of the vehicle. FORD has also failed and refused to pay the attorney feet expended in perusing this matter, as provided in the Song-Beverly Act.

- 13. As a proximate result of the 2003 FORD F250's failure to conform to defendant manufacturer's express warranty, and defendant manufacturer's failure to repair or service the 2003 FORD F250 to conform to the warranty, plaintiff has been damaged in an amount in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars.
- 14. As a further proximate result of defendant manufacturer's willful failure to comply with its obligations to plaintiff, plaintiff has been required to incuractomory's face.

#### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION FOR FRAUD

- Plaintiff re-elleges and incorporates herein by this reference paragraphs 1 through 14.
- 16. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that defendant FORD through its agents and assigns made representations of material fact to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's counsel that once the vehicle was delivered to Bob Wondries, the lienholder and attorney fees would be paid. These representations were in fact false, defendants know they were false or that they had no reasonable ground to believe that they were true. In fact, to date, lienholder payoff or attorney fees have not been paid.
- 17. At all times defendant FORD made the representations alloged herein with the intent to defraud and induce plaintiff to believe that the representations were true. At the time plaintiff did not know the representations were false and believed that they were

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19. As a direct and proximate result of the conduct of said defendants, and each of them, as aforesaid, plaintiff lost the benefit of the bargain of the written contract with defendant and suffered substantial other damages as will be discovered and according to proof of trial.

true. Plaintiff acted in justifiable reliance upon the treth of the representations. Plaintiff

20. As additional damages against these defendant was guilty of malice, fraud and oppression as defined in Civil Code Section 3294, and plaintiffs are entitled to recover exemplary and punitive damages.

#### POURTH CAUSE OF ACTION FOR NEGLIGENT REPRESENTATION AGAINST DEFENDANT HOLLYWOOD

- Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates herein by this reference paragraphs 1 through 20.
- 22. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that defendant FORD through its agents and assigns made representations of material fact to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's counsel that once the vehicle was delivered to Bob Wondries, the limbolder and attorney fees would be paid. These representations were in fact false, defendants should have known they were false or that they had no reasonable ground to believe that they were true.
- 23. Defendant FORD breached their duty of care of Plaintiff in making representation alleged herein when they knew or should have known that these

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representations were actually false. At the time plaintiff did not know the representations were false and believed that they were true. Plaintiff only discovered the falsity of these representation in or about June 25th, 2004.

24. As a proximate result of defendant's negligence as herein alleged and defendant's negligent failure to disclose the true facts, plaintiff was damaged in excess of \$25,000.00, the exact amount to be ascertained at trial.

#### WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays judgment as follows:

- For actual damages to be determined at trial.
- 2 For a civil penalty of two times the amount of actual damages to be determined at trial.
- 3. For punitive damages.
- 4. For reasonable attorney's fors to be determined at trial.
- For costs of suit herein incurred; and 5.
- 6. For such other and further relief as the court may deem proper.

Dated: June 29th, 2004

Perty Rosban-Zamir Attorney for Plaintiff

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CIVIL ACTION

FORD MOTOR COMPANY C/O CT Corporation 1515 Market Street, Suits 1216 Philadelphia, PA 19103

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1. Plaintiff, is an adult individual citizen and legal resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, RR5, is a strong str

2. Defendant, Ford Motor Company, is a business corporation qualified to do business and regularly conduct business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and is a corporation of the State of Delaware, with its legal residence and principal place of business located at 300 Remaissance Center, P.O. Box 43301, Detroit, MI, 48243, and can be served at c/o CT Corporation, 1515 Market Street, Suite 1210, Philadelphia, PA, 19103.

#### BACKGROUND

- On or about December 12, 2002, Plaintiff purchased a new 2003 Ford Excursion, manufactured and warranted by Defendant, bearing the Vehicle Identification Number 1FMSU43P33
- The vehicle was purchased in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is registered in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

- 5. The contract price of the vehicle, including registration charges, document fees, sales tax, finance and bank charges, but excluding other collateral charges not specified, yet defined by the Lemon Law, totaled more than \$54,310.64. A true and correct copy of the contract is attached hereto, made a part hereof, and marked Exhibit "A".
- 6. In consideration for the purchase of said vehicle, Defendant issued to Plaintiff several warranties, guarantees, affirmations or undertakings with respect to the material or workmanship of the vehicle and/or remedial action in the event the vehicle fails to meet the promised specifications.
- The above-referenced warranties, guarantees, affirmations or undertakings are/were part
  of the basis of the bargain between Defendant and Plaintiff.
- The parties' bargain includes an express 3-year / 36,000 mile warranty, as well as other
  guarantees, affirmations and undertakings as stated in Defendant's warranty materials and
  owner's manual.
- 9. However, as a result of the ineffective repair attempts made by Defendant through its authorized dealer(s), the vehicle is rendered substantially impaired, unable to be utilized for its intended purposes, and is worthless to Plaintiff.
- 10. Plaintiff has or may have resorted to Defendant's informal dispute settlement procedure, to the extent said procedure complice with 16 CFR 703.
- 11. Plaintiff avers that the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has determined that no automobile manufacturer complies with 16 CFR 703. See, Fed. Reg. 15636, Vol. 62, No. 63 (Apr. 2, 1997)

# COUNT I PENNSYLVANIA AUTOMOBILE LEMON LAW

- 12. Plaintiff hereby incorporates all facts and allegations set forth in this Complaint by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.
  - 13. Plaintiff is a "Purchaser" as defined by 73 P.S. §1952.

- 14. Defendant is a "Manufacturer" as defined by 73 P.S. §1952.
- 15. Dick Milham Ford is and/or was at the time of sale a Motor Vehicle Dealer in the business of buying, selling, and/or exchanging vehicles as defined by 73 P.S. §1952.
- 16. On or about December 12, 2002, Plaintiff took possession of the above mentioned vehicle and experienced nonconformities as defined by 73 P.S §1951 et seq., which substantially impair the use, value and/or safety of the vehicle.
- 17. The nonconformities described violate the express written warranties issued to Plaintiff by Defendant.
  - 18. Section 1955 of the Permaylvania Automobile Lemon Law provides:

If a manufacturer fails to repair or correct a sourconformity after a reasonable margher of attempts, the manufacturer shall, at the option of the purchaser, replace the motor vehicle,... or accept return of the vehicle from the purchaser, and refund to the purchaser the full purchase price, including all collected charges, less a reasonable allowance for the purchasers use of the vehicle, not exceeding \$.10 per mile driven or 10% of the purchase price of the vehicle, whichever is less.

- 19. Section 1956 of the Pennsylvania Antomobile Lemon Law provides a presumption of a reasonable number of repair attempts if:
  - (1) The same nonconformity has been subject to repelt those times by the resonfacturer, its agents or sufficient dealers and the nonconformity still exists; or
  - (2) The vehicle is out-of-service by reason of any nonconformity for a cumulative total of thirty or more calendar days.
- 20. Plaintiff has satisfied the above definition as the vehicle has been subject to repair more than three (3) times for the same nonconformity, and the nonconformity remained uncorrected.
- 21. In addition, the above vehicle has or will be out-of-service by reason of the nonconformities complained of for a cumulative total of thirty (30) or more calendar days.
- 22. Plaintiff has delivered the nonconforming vehicle to an authorized service and repair facility of the Defendant on numerous occasions as outlined below.
- 23. After a reasonable number of attempts, Defendant was unable to repair the nonconformities.
- 24. The first documented warranty repair attempt is believed to have occurred on or before February 04, 2003, when the vehicle odometer showed 2,642 miles. On that date, repair attempts

were made to the abnormal rough kile and emitting black smoke. A true and correct copy of the repair invoice is attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit "B".

25. The second documented warranty repair attempt is believed to have occurred on or before June 09, 2003, when the vehicle odometer showed 7,414 miles. On that date, repair attempts were made to the abnormal rough idle and defective paint. A true and correct copy of the repair invoice is attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit "C".

26. The third documented warranty repair attempt is believed to have occurred on or before June 23, 2003, when the vehicle odometer showed 16,015 miles. On that date, repair attempts were made to the defective paint. A true and correct copy of the repair invoice is attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit "D".

27. The vehicle continues to exhibit defects and nonconformities which substantially impair its use, value and/or safety as provided in 73 P.S. §1951 et seq. True and correct copies of the additional warranty invoices and Repair History are attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit "B".

28. Plaintiff avers the vehicle has been subject to additional repair attempts for defects and conditions for which Defendant's warranty dealer did not provide or maintain itemized statements as required by 73 P.S. § 1957.

29. Plaintiff avers that such itemized statements, which were not provided as required by 73 P.S. § 1957 also include technicians' notes of diagnostic procedures and repairs, and Defendant's Technical Service Bulletins relating to this vehicle.

30. Plaintiff avers the vehicle has been subject to additional repair attempts for defects and conditions for which Defendant's warranty dealer did not provide the notification required by 73 P.S. § 1957.

31. Plaintiff has and will continue to suffer damages due to Defendant's failure to comply with the provisions of 73 P.S. §§ 1954 (repair obligations), 1955 (manufacturer's duty for refund or replacement), and 1957 (itemized statements required).

32. Pursuant to 73 P.S. § 1958, Plaintiff seeks relief for losses due to the vehicle's nonconformities, including the award of reasonable attorneys' fees and all court costs.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment against Defendant in an amount equal to the price of the subject vehicle, plus all collateral charges, attorneys' fees, and court costs.

## COUNT II MAGNUSON-MOSS (FTC) WARRANTY IMPROVEMENT ACT

- 33. Plaintiff hereby incorporates all facts and allegations set forth in this Complaint by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.
  - 34. Plaintiff is a "Consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §2301(3).
- 35, Defendant is a "supplier", "warrantor", and a "service contractor" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 2301 (4),(5) and (8).
  - 36. The subject vehicle is a "consumer product" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 2301(1).
- 37. By the terms of its written warranties, affirmations, promises, or service contracts, Defendant agreed to perform effective repairs at no charge for parts and/or labor.
- 38. The Magnuson-Moss Warranty Improvement Act requires Defendant to be bound by all warranties implied by state law. Said warranties are imposed on all transactions in the state in which the vehicle was delivered.
- 39. Defendant has made attempts on several occasions to comply with the terms of its express warranties; however, such repair attempts have been ineffective.
  - The Magninson-Moss Warranty Improvement Act, 15 U.S.C. §2310(d)(2) provides;

If a consumer finally prevails on an action brought under paragraph (1) of this subsection, he may be allowed by the court to recover as part of the judgment a sum equal to the amount of aggregate amount of costs and expenses (including attoracy fees based upon actual time expended), determined by the court to have been reasonably incorred by the Plaintiff for, or in connection with the commencement and procecution of such action, unless the court, in its discretion shall determine that such an award of attorney's fees would be inappropriate.

41. Plaintiff has afforded Defendant a reasonable number of opportunities to conform the vehicle to the aforementioned express warranties, implied warranties and contracts.

- 42. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's failure to comply with the express written warranties. Plaintiff has suffered damages and, in accordance with 15 U.S.C. §2310(d)(1), Plaintiff is entitled to bring suit for such damages and other legal and equitable relief.
- 43. Defendant's failure is a breach of Defendant's contractual and statutory obligations constituting a violation of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Improvement Act, including but not limited to: breach of express warranties; breach of implied warranty of merchantability; breach of implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose; breach of contract; and constitutes an Unfair Trade Practice.
- 44. Plaintiff avers Defendant's Dispute Resolution Program is not in compliance with 16 CFR 703 by the FTC for the period of time this claim was submitted.
- 45. Plaintiff avers that upon successfully prevailing upon the Magnuson-Mosa claim herein, all attorney fees are recoverable and are demanded against Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment against Defendant in an amount equal to the price of the subject vehicle, plus all collateral charges, incidental and consequential damages, reasonable attorneys' fees, and all court costs.

# COUNT III PENNSYLVANIA UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES AND CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW

- 46. Plaintiff hereby incorporates all facts and allegations set forth in this Complaint by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.
  - 47. Plaintiff is a "Person" as defined by 73 P.S. §201-2(2).
  - 48. Defendant is a "Person" as defined by 73 P.S. §201-2(2).
- 49. Section 201-9.2(a) of the Act authorizes a private cause of action for any person "who purchases or leases goods or services primarily for personal, family or household purposes."

- 50. Section 1961 of the Pennsylvania Automobile Lemon Law, provides that a violation of its provisions shall automatically constitute a violation of the Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act, 73 P.S. 201-1 et seq.
- 51. In addition, the Petrusylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act, 73
  P.S. §201-2(4), defines "unfair or deceptive acts or practices" to include the following conduct;
  - (vii). Representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or sendel, if they are of another;
  - (xiv). Failing to comply with the terms of any written guarantee or warranty given to the buyer at, prior to, or after a contract for the purchase of goods or services is made;
  - (xv). Knowingly misroprosenting that services, replacements or repairs are useded if they are not needed;
  - (xvI). Making repairs, improvements or replacements on tangible, real or personal property of a sature or quality inferior to or below the standard of that agreed to in writing:
  - (xvii). Engaging in any other fraudulent or desceptive conduct which excutes a likelihood of confusion or of missuderstanding.
- 52. Plaintiff avers Defendant has violated these, as well as other provisions, of 73 P.S. §201-2 et seq.
- 53. Section 201-3.1 of the Act provides that the Automotive Industry Trade Practice rules and regulations adopted by the Attorney General for the enforcement of this Act shall constitute additional violations of the Act.
- 54, Defendant's conduct surrounding the sale and servicing of the subject vehicle falls within the aforementioned definitions of "unfair or deceptive sets or practices."
- 55. The Act also authorizes the Court, in its discretion, to award up to three (3) times the actual damages sustained for violations.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment against Defendant in an amount not in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), together with all collateral charges, attnmeys' fees, all court costs and treble damages.

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By:

ROBERT M. SHLYERMAN, ESQUIRE

Attorney for Plaintiff 30 East Butler Pike Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002 (215) 540-8888

## VBRIFICATION

Robert M. Silverman, states that he is the attorney for the Plaintiff herein; that he is acquainted with the facts set forth in the foregoing Complaint; that same are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief; and that this statement is made subject to the Penalties of 18 Pa. C.S.A. §4904, relating to unaworn falls fications to authorities.

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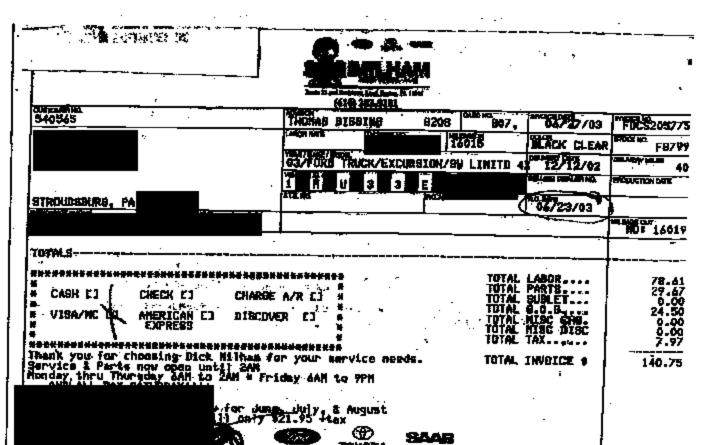
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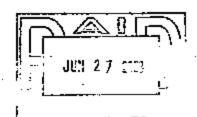
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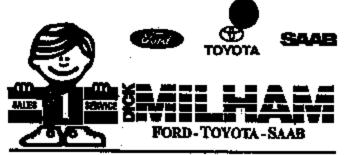
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VS.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

HARRIS COUNTY

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

STATE OF TEXAS

#### PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW INTO COURT, through undersigned counsel, comes Plaintiff,

to now petitions this Honorable Court as follows:

#### I. PARTIES

Plaintiff is an Individual residing in Houston, State of Texas.

Defendant, FORD MOTOR COMPANY, hereinafter "FORD," a corporation authorized to do and doing business in the State of Texas whose agent of service is C.T. Corporation System, 350 N. St. Paul Street, Dallas, TX 75201.

#### II. VENUE

Venue is proper in Harris County, State of Texas pursuant to Section 15.002 of the Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

#### III. DISCOVERY

Plaintiff intends for discovery to be level I.

#### IV. STATEMENT OF FACTS

On or about March 19, 2003, Plaintiff, and a motor vehicle purchase contract with Tommy Vaughn Motors for the purchase of a 2003 FORD F-350, VIN 1FTNW20P83E (hereinafter referred to as the "F-350" or the "vehicle"). The purchase price was approximately \$40,000.00.

Defendant, FORD, is the manufacturer and assembler of this vehicle.

Plaintiff's vehicle was accompanied by express warranties offered by Defendants and extending to Plaintiff. These warranties were part of the basis of the bargain of Plaintiff's contract for purchase of the vehicle.

In fact, when delivered, the vehicle was defective in materials and workmanship, such defects being discovered within the warranty periods. Within the three months after purchase, Plaintiff began experiencing defective conditions with the F-350's engine dying and stalling. Said defects substantially impaired the use, value, and/or safety of the F-350. Many defective conditions have occurred since purchase, including, but not limited to:

- The F-350's engine stalling and dying; and
- (2) Other defects identified in the repair orders or discovery through formal discovery.

Since purchase, Plaintiff's F-350 has been in the repair shop nine times and remained in the shop for a cumulative thirty days.

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#### V. DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

Plaintiff would show that Defendant violated Section 17.46(b) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, in that the Defendant:

- (A) represented that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that good are of a particular style or model, if they are of another;
- (B) represented that a guarantee or warranty confers or involves rights or remedies which it does not have or involve;
- (C) failed to disclose information concerning goods or services which was known at the time of the transaction with the intention to induce the consumer into a transaction into which the consumer would not have entered had the information been disclosed;
- (D) the implied warranty of good and workmanlike performance; and
- (E) the implied warranty of merchantability.

Plaintiff further shows that the acts, practices, and/or omissions complained of were the producing cause of Plaintiff damages more fully described herein below.

Plaintiff further shows that the acts, practices, and/or ornissions complained of under Section 17.46(b) of the Taxas Business and Commerce Code were relied upon by Plaintiff's detriment.

Plaintiff has simultaneously sent the written notice, as required by Section 17.505, Texas Business and Commerce Code, and complied with all conditions precedent to the filling of this lawsuit.

#### VI. BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTIES

in addition, the Defendant issued an expressed written warranty which covered the F-350 and warranted that the F-350 was free of defects in materials and work quality at the time of delivery.

As alleged above, the Defendant breached its warranties by offering for sale, and selling as safe to Plaintiff, a vehicle that was latently defective, unsafe, and likely to cause economic loss to Plaintiff.

in breach of the foregoing warranties, the Defendant has failed to correct said defects.

The damages Plaintiff has suffered are a direct and proximate result of Defendant's actions in this matter include but are not limited to costs of repair, expenses associated with returning the vehicle for repeated repair attempts, loss of wages, loss of use, damages, and attorney fees.

#### VII. BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES

Defendant impliedly warranted that Plaintiff's F-350, which it designed, manufactured, and sold, were merchantable and fit and safe for their ordinary use, not otherwise injurious to consumers, and would come with adequate safety warnings.

Any purported limitation of the duration of the implied warrantles contained in the written warrantles given by Defendant is unreasonable and unconscionable and void under the principles of estoppel, because Defendant knew the defects existed and might not be discovered, if at all, until the F-350 had been driven for a period longer

than the period of the written warranty, and Defendant willfully withheld information about the defects from Plaintiff.

Because of their disclosed defects, Plaintiff's F-350 is unsafe and unfit for use and has caused economic loss to the Plaintiff. Therefore, the Defendant breached the implied warranty of merchantability.

As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breach of the Implied warranty of merchantability, Plaintiff is entitled to damages.

As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breach of their duty of reasonable care and duty to disclose material adverse facts; Plaintiff has suffered reasonably and especially foreseeable damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

#### VIII. BREACH OF CONTRACT

Plaintiff would show that the actions and/or omissions of Defendant described herein above constitute breach of contract, which proximately caused the direct and consequential damages to Plaintiff described herein below, and for which Plaintiff hereby sues.

#### IX. ECONOMIC AND ACTUAL DAMAGES

Plaintiff sustained the following economic and actual damages as a result of the actions and/or omissions of Defendant described herein above:

- (A) Out of pocket expenses, including but not limited to the money paid towards the note securing the vehicle;
- (B) Loss of use:

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(C) Loss of the "benefit of the bargein";

- (D) Diminished or reduced market value; and
- (E) Costs of repairs.

#### X. ATTORNEY'S FEES

Request is made for all costs and reasonable and necessary attorney's fees incurred by or on behalf of Plaintiff herein, including all fees necessary in the event of an appeal of this cause to the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Texas, as the Court deems equitable and just, as provided by: (a) Section 17.50(d) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code; (b) Chapter 38 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code; and (c) common law.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, PLAINTIFF, respectfully prays that the Defendant be cited to appear and answer herein, and that upon a final hearing of the cause, judgment be entered for the Plaintiff against Defendant, jointly and severally, for the following:

- economic damages requested herein above in an emount in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of the Court;
- actual damages requested herein above in an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of the Court;
- prejudgment interest at the maximum rate allowed by law;
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 such other and further relief to which the Plaintiff may be entitled at law or in equity whether old or unpled.

RICHARD C. DALTON DALTON LAW FIRM, L.L.C. 202 Avenue B Lafayette, Louisiana 70501 Telephona (337) 262-0700 Facsimile (337) 262-0679 State Bar Roll No. 24033539

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16th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT PARISH OF ST. MARTIN STATE OF LOUISIANA

FORD MOTOR COMPANY THROUGH ITS AGENT FOR SERVICE: CT COMPORATION SYSTEMS 8550 UNITED FLAZA BLVD. BATCH ECUGE, LA 70809

of <u>EAST BATON ROUGE</u> Parish, Louisiana.

You are bereby summoned to comply with the demand contained in the patition of which a true and correct copy (exclusive of exhibits) accompanies this citation, or make an appearance, either by filing a pleading or otherwise, in the 16th Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, within fifteen (15) days after the service hereof, under panalty of default.

WITHESS MY OFFICIAL BAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE AT ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA, ON THIS <u>04TH</u> DAY OF <u>MARCH</u> A.D., 2004.

ALLEN BLANCHARD, SR. CLERK OF COURT 16th JUDICIAL DISTRICT PARISH OF ST. MARTIN

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RICHARD C. DALTON P-1 ATTORNEY
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### 16<sup>4</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ST. MARTIN STATE OF LOUISIANA

но.: <u>677/3</u>	DIVISION:
	Versus
2 2 21	FORD MOTOR COMPANY
Filed:	Deputy Clark

#### PETITION FOR REDHIBITION AND DAMAGES

NOW INTO COURT, through undersigned coursel, comes Petitioned
a resident of the tewful age of majority domiciled in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, who
alleges upon information and belief, except as to the allegations in Paragraphs 4 and
7, which Petitioners alleges upon personal knowledge, the following:

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Made Defendent herein is the following persons and/or entities who are justly and truly indebted unto your Petitioner, jointly and in solido, in a full and true sum as is reasonable in the premises, together with legal interest thereon from the date of judicial demand, until paid, and for all other just and equitable relief to which he may be entitled:

A) <u>FORD\_MOTOR\_COMPANY</u>, harehnefter "FORD," a foreign corporation authorized to do end doing business in the State of Louisiana whose agent for service of process is CT Corporation Systems, 8650 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809.

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On or about April 21, 2003, Patitionar, entered into a purchase contract for the purchase of a 2003 FORD F-350 SUPER DUTY DIESEL, VIN 1FTWW32P535 (herainafter referred to se the "F-350" or the "vehicle"). The purchase price was approximately \$57,500.00. The F-350 was purchased primarily for Patitionar's personal use.

in fact, when delivered, the F-350 was defective in materials and workmanship. Within the first three months after purchase, Petitioner began experiencing defective conditions with the F-350 losing power and stalling. Petitioner has tendered his vehicle for repairs on six (6) separate occasions for a cumulative of 45 days. The subject F-350 Diesel Truck currently has 76,000 miles on it and despite numerous repair attempts, the defects still exist.

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The F-350 is a "thing" under La. Civil Code Articles 2520, at seq.

5.

Defendant, FORD, is a "manufacturer" under La. Civil Code Articles 2520, et eeq.

6.

Petitioner is a "buyer" under in La. Civil Code Articles 2520, et seq.

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Petitioner evers that the defects hereinsbove described meet the definition of a redhibitory defect as defined in La. Civil Code Articles 2520, at saq.

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Petitioner evers that he has provided the Defendant sufficient opportunity to repair his defective F-350 and has requested that the Defendant replace the F-350, refund his money, or reduce the sales price. Defendant has refused his demands.

3.

Petitioner evers that he has performed each and every duty required of him under Louisians Redhibition Levre, except as may have been excused or prevented by the conduct of the Defendant, as herein alleged.

to.

Petitioner evers that the Defendant are Sable to him for the following non exclusive list of causes of actions:

A. Redhibition;

## 16<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ST. MARTIN STATE OF LOUISIANA

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#### <u>REQUEST FOR MOTICE</u>

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requests

that the Court give written notice by certified mail at least ten (10) days in edvence of the data fixed for trial or hearing of this case whether on exceptions, motions, rules or the merits.

Patitioner requests immediate notice of all orders or judgments, whether interfocutory or fine, made or rendered in this case by taking under advisement or if the judgment is not signed at the conclusion of the trief.

Notice is to be mailed to or served upon Patitioner, through his understand counsel.

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